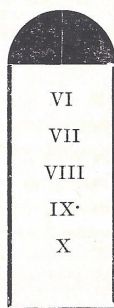
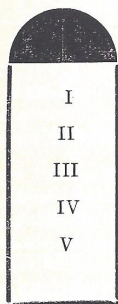


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This is the beginning of a new year, according to the calendar, and we are joyous that we have made gains in the Master' service, and we are going forward with faith and hope for a greater year ahead.

We are very sorry that Brother George Main, our Sec'y-Treasurer for so many years, has resigned because of the infirmities of the years. We will miss him, for he was from the very beginning of the Association and largely through his efforts that this organization was founded and kept going. Through all its ups and downs, he has been faithful to the cause, and now, as he has to lay down some of his work, but not all (for he is not a quitter and will still serve in whatever capacity he can) we wish to express our gratitude for his many years of service for the Master. Words are inadequate, and we want him to know that we will miss him.

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We wish also, to thank all who have been enabled to help us in our efforts to spread the Sabbath truths to mankind. Time is rapidly drawing to a close, so do all you can, while waiting patiently for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ. "Behold, I come quickly".

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THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY.

Alfred L. Blix

Paul writes, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work," 2 Thess. 2:7. We are warned by the Saviour, Beware of wolves that come in with sheeps clothing, to deceive and lead astray his sheep. His sheep know his voice and a stranger they will not follow. We are told that there would be a falling away first, and that the man of sin would be revealed in his time. 2 Thess. 2:3. Remember that Satan is the god of this world. 2 Cor. 4:4. Even Satan is transformed into an angel of light; therefore it is no great thing, if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness. 2 Cor. 11:14,15. Our teacher said, "Let no man deceive you." Matt. 4:24 "Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many." Now, we don't want to be deceived. Paul also said, "Let no man deceive you by any means" 2 Thess. 2:3, and he also said, "but though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that we *have* preached unto you, let him be accursed" Gal. 1:8.

We are told to "Prove all things," 1 Thess. 5:21 The Almighty has said, "What thing soever I command you observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it." Deut. 12:32

One of the tricks of Satan, is to say, "That is in the Old Testament," which is to make void the Law of God We do not make void the law, being justified by faith, without the

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deeds of the law, but we establish the law. See Romans 3:31. To have faith is to believe what he says, do what he commands, be what he expects us to be, to take him at his word. Satan is a liar, and the father of lies; for in the beginning, he said to Eve, "Hath God said?", and when God said, "Ye shall *surely* die", he did not mean maybe "If you eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil", the serpent said, "Ye shall not surely die". Gen. 3:4

The same ministers of the *lawless* one would have you believe that the law was done away with, even by quoting, "The law was nailed to the cross", which is not nailed to the cross, or ever will be. "So shall I ever keep thy law continually for ever and ever". Psa. 119:44. Satan will also say, "That is in the Old Testament", but in the New Testament we read, "All Scripture is given by *inspiration of God*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16,17 The enemy takes advantage of ignorance. Peter says, "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, *without spot and blameless*, . . . even as our beloved Paul also according to the wisdom given to him hath written you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned, wrest, as they do also the

other Scriptures, unto their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:14-16. And it is wresting the Scriptures to try to prove that the first day of the week is to be observed as a Sabbath, instead of the seventh day.

Paul said there were many deceivers, and false prophets. Now, if we were foolish, we might listen to them, but they are manifest by the word, "if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

The false prophets say that the law has been done away with, - we don't have to keep the law, and the law was nailed to the cross; but the Bible does not say that the law was nailed to the cross, but if any man don't obey the law, he is lawless; and what promise is there for the lawless? If we look into the word to see just what it does say: Paul writes, "But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; knowing that the law was not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly, and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers, whoremongers, stealers, liars, etc.."

What law was nailed to the cross? Not the law, but our sins, for He was made sin for us, He who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor. 5:21. Through him our sins were nailed to His cross, not the law, but the ordinances that were against us, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that were against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:14

What handwritings of ordinances that was against us? Could that by any means, mean that we should work seven days a week, and no longer a day of rest? Was it an ordinance against us, that we should keep the seventh day holy unto the

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Lord? Will a man use this to prove that we should work on the Sabbath and keep the first day of the week? If the Sabbath day, the seventh day of the week could be nailed to the cross; there would be only six days in the week, or was the week destroyed? By whom? Jesus said, "Till heaven and earth pass not one jot or tittle shall pass from the law, till all shall be fulfilled."

The Bible does not say that the new moons and sabbath days were nailed to the cross, but it says, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink or in respect of an holy

day, or of the Sabbath, which are a shadow of things to come," Col. 2:16 A thing that is done away with, can not leave a shadow. What Sabbath was a shadow of things to come? There were other sabbaths besides the Sabbath day of the commandments. There were yearly sabbaths,

the week has not been destroyed, for the Master said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets, I came not to destroy, but to fulfill, for I say unto you, *ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE SHALL IN NOWAY PASS FROM THE LAW TILL ALL BE FULFILLED*"

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as the Passover, the 14th day of the first month, and in the 7th months, in the first day, ye shall have a sabbath. Lev. 23:24. The feast days were sabbaths, which were types of things to come. And in Lev. 23:24 "But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land," besides others, but the seventh day of

What sabbaths were a shadow of things to come? In Hebrews 10:1 we read, "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect, for then would they not have ceased to be offered; because that the worshippers once purged should have no more consciousness of sin, for it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. . . sacrifices and offerings and burned offerings for sin thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which they offered by the law. Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second by the which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, *ONCE FOR ALL*. Hebrews 10:1

What was the first that was taken away and what was the second? This is the Covenant or the Testament, not the Ten Commandments. Because of sin, it was the service of the tabernacle, that received the change. The first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the

sanctuary, and after the second veil the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all, which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the Covenant. And over it the Cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot speak particularly. When these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle accomplishing the service of God. But into the second the high priest went alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of his people." Hebrews 9:17 It was this service or ordinances that ended with the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, and not the 10 commandments. For if the first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I make a new covenant with the house of Israel, . . . For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, . . . I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts Heb.8:7,8,10. Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid, Yea, we establish the law. Romans 3:31 The law is not done away, or nailed to the cross, but written in our hearts and minds. The Lord will never alter the thing that has gone out of his lips." Psa. 89:34. "I change not." Mal. 3:6

The Bible tells us that there are

false gods. Ex. 23:13; false prophets Matt. 7:15; false Christs, Matt.24:24 false apostles, 2 Cor. 11:13,26; false brethren, Gal. 1:2,4. As Sabbath observers, we are accused of legalism. It is not illegal to be legal. And to not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, would be illegal.

"Sin is the transgression of the law, and by the law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20. We have this admonition; "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matt.5:48; "Go sin no more" John 8:11; "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" Rom. 6:12. "For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace." verse 14. "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." Rom. 2:13. "Faith without works is dead." James 2:26.

Do we mix law with grace? We often hear this quotation, If ye are under law, ye are fallen from grace. This seems to be familiar, but it is not in the Bible. The words "fallen from grace" does appear once and that is in Galations 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law

Which do we dread the more---
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ye are fallen from grace." What is grace? What is the grace of God? We read in Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that denying worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world: looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from *all iniquity*, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." They who charge Sabbath keepers with legalism.- under the law - will find that first-dayism is illegalism, with respect to God's law, which upholds the seventh day SABBATH. Obedience is not illegal, for it is only those that do the Father's will that shall enter, for he shall say, "Depart from me; ye workers of *iniquity*. Psa. 6:8 It is plain to see that the mystery of iniquity is working to deceive men from obedience to the commandment and obey another. Why should that day be done away with so that another should be kept in place of it? Of this the prophet writes, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void the law." Psa. 119:126. Paul writes, "Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid. Yea, we establish the law." Rom. 3:31 It is just as wrong to kill or steal under grace, as under the law. If we break one of these least commandments we are guilty of all. James 2:10. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matt. 5:17.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13:10. If a man loves the commandments, he will not break them. They who hate the commandments will seek to destroy them. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5:3. As He said he did not come to destroy the law. The prophet said, "He shall magnify the law and make it honorable." Isaiah 42:21

Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." The Father at no time commanded to keep the 1st day of the week holy in place of the seventh day, nor gave he the Apostles the authority to alter His Commandments. This is the mystery of iniquity at work. Read what the prophets have said. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and a few men left". Isaiah 24:5,6.

Jesus said to them of his day, "Full well ye reject the commandments of God that ye may keep your own traditions," and so we have a warning today. Surely our fathers have inherited lies, hypocrisy, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. Jer. 16:19.

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"THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."

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"But" some say, "Jesus took the ten Commandments, which were against us, out of the way, nailing them to the cross." Even those who say this do not believe it. No honest Christian believes for a moment that Jesus gave His life on the cross in order to legalize Murder, Swearing, Stealing, Adultery, Disrespect of parents, Covetousness, and Lying. "No" others will say, "only the 4th commandment was changed." This they say, while striving desperately to believe the Scriptures which state "I am the Lord, I change not." and really believing in their hearts it was the ceremonial law of animal sacrifice for sin, which was against us, which Christ took out of the way nailing it to the cross, by the sacrifice of the Lamb of God for the sins of the whole world, once for all. The fourth commandment changed? The Lord our God changed the only law identifying Himself as Creator of the universe, the One only true and liv-

ing God? No indeed! Man, under Satan's influence has "thought to change" God's unchangeable law.

Sunday is the day he (Satan) has dedicated to the worship of other gods since pagan times thereby effectively changing the Creator's command, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is. Wherefore, (because in six days all things were made by Him), the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it." Thus, Christ's adversary, Satan, that old serpent, also, at the same time, abolished the FIRST command, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Many of that wicked one's adherents have gone still further in their mutilation of the law, rewriting the whole thing, leaving out the *second* commandment entirely, so as to gain freedom for image worship, and splitting the tenth into two, thus preserving ten commands.

There is no merit in "the faith of our fathers" if they did not know the truth. But we are told, "search the Scriptures, Prove all things, Contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." "Let God be true; but every man a liar". Romans 3:4

"Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy law. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:9

Rewriting the law to suit themselves, yes, publishing and teaching their ten commandments, yes, and causing almost the whole world to partake of their adultery, and therefore to receive the wine of the wrath of Almighty-God. But have they changed the law written by the finger of God on the tables of stone? Ex. (23:12) Of "Ark of the Covenant," the Bible dictionary says, "the first piece of the tabernacle fur-

niture for which precise directions were delivered (Ex. 25). It appears to have been an oblong chest of shittim (acacia) wood, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cubits long by $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubits broad and deep. Within and without gold was overlaid on the wood, and on the upper side on the lid, which was edged round about with gold, the mercy-seat was placed. The ark when transported, was enveloped in the veil of the dismantled tabernacle, in the curtain of badger's skins, and in a blue cloth over all, and was therefore not seen (Num. 4:5,20). It's purpose or object was to contain inviolate the Divine autograph of the two tables, that "covenant" from which it derived it's title. It was also the support of the mercyseat, materially symbolizing the "covenant" as that on which "mercy rested".

Have you ever wondered where the ark, containing the two tables of Divine law is today? The ark which resided in the Holy of Holies, entered only by the High priest? St. John in Revelation, saw, "And the temple of God was opened in heaven and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament (covenant R.V. Rev. 11:19-), where Christ, our great High Priest, pleads the merits of his own precious blood for remission of our sins (transgressions of the law). Who will be saved and enter in thru the gates into the city? "Here are they that keep the commandments of God *and* the faith of Jesus". Rev. 14:12. Faith in Jesus certainly—but faith without works is dead. The commandments of God *must* be kept. By them will Christ, the righteous Judge, judge the whole

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WHY KEEP THE SABBATH?

Rachel Schaub

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Let us examine man's state, and and his standing, and possibly it will be more readily seen *why* we keep the Sabbath:-

THE BELIEVERS STANDING:-

"Unto the Church of God at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints".... "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterances, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye came behind in no gift: waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: *who shall also confirm you unto the end*, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *God is faithful*, by whom you were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:2-9 "But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6:11 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.' Matt. 16:17. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Col. 1:12, 13.

THE BELIEVERS STATE:-

"For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the household of Chloe, that *there are contentions among you.*" 1 Cor. 1:11. "And I brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal....*for ye are yet carnal*: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not yet carnal, and walk as men?" 1 Cor. 3:1-3. Now, some are puffed up. 1 Cor. 4:18 "And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned that he that hath done this deed might be taken from among you." 1 Cor. 5:23. Now therefore, there is utterly a fault among you, because you go to law, one with another." 1 Cor. 6:7. "Shall I therefore take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot?" 1 Cor. 6:15. "But he turned and said unto Peter, 'Get thee behind me. Satan, thou art an offense unto me. for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.'" Matt. 16:23. "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communications out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:" Col. 3:8-10. The moment a person believes and accepts the Messiah as Saviour his standing with God is the highest: he is justified from all things

has peace with God, a standing in His grace, and a sure hope of glory. He receives the gift of eternal life, is accepted in the full measure of the Messiah's own acceptance, is sealed with the Holy Spirit, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and is baptized into the mystical body of our Savior. Instantly he is clothed with the righteousness of God, Rom. 3:22, quickened with the Messiah, raised with Him, and seated with Him in the heavens.

THE STATE is quite another matter; certainly it is far, far below his exalted standing in the sight of God. He does not become as royal, as priestly, and heavenly in WALKS all at once, as he does all at once in standing.

The divine order under grace, is first to give the highest possible standing; and then to exhort the believer to maintain a state in accordance therewith. "He raiseth the poor out of the dust, He lifteth the needy from the dunghill, To make them sit with princes, And inherit the throne of glory." 1 Sam. 2:8 and then exhorted to be princely. As example see Rom. 6:6, "Knowing this that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we might not serve sin."

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14

2 Tim. 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ

Jesus, before the world began" Eph. 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." See Col. 3:4; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5 5:9,10; Heb. 10:10; 1 Cor. 1:30; Heb. 10:14; Phil. 3:5; 1 John 4:17 These are texts for standing. "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14. "Ye are all the children of light, and children of day, we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thess. 5:5.

For the state of the believer see, Col. 2:20; Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:12; Col. 3:1; Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:6,11; John 17:17 1 Thess. 5:23 Phil. 3:12; Heb. 6:1.

"Therefore, leaving the principles of Christ, let us go on unto perfection." "He that saith that he abideth in him, ought himself also to walk even as He walked." 1 John 2:6. The exhortation is ever to reach a higher goal. "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect but I follow after" Phil. 3:12. It may be said, that all the after-work of God in the believers behalf, the application of the Word to his walk and conscience. John 17:17, Eph. 5:26, the chastisements of the Fathers' hand, Heb. 12:10, 1 Cor. 11:32, the Ministry of the Spirit. Eph. 4:11,12 all the difficulties and trials of the wilderness way, 1 Peter 4:12-14 and the final transformation when He shall appear, 1 John 3:2 all are intended simply to bring the believers *character* into perfect conformity to the POSITION which is his in the instant of his conversion. He grows *in* grace, but not *into* grace.

In the case of every true son of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, this growth in kingliness is assured. In the end standing, and state, character and position, will be equal. But the position is not the reward of a perfect character, - the character is developed from the position.

As children of God we have been given such a high position we want to be obedient in all things - even to keeping the hated seventh day Sab-

bath of God's holy Ten Commandments. "I delight to do thy will, O my God, thy law is within my heart." Psa. 40:8. Our Savior came to magnify God's Law. Isaiah 42:21 and to fulfill it, Matt. 5:17. To do these He had to keep the seventh day Sabbath of God. "He that saith that he abideth in Him, ought himself also to walk, even as He walked." 1 John 2:6. That means all ten of the Ten Commandments, not just the fourth.

"A wise man will hear, and will increase

learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise councils." Prov. 1:5

"For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of *His* mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Prov. 2:6

We are told in Psa. 111:10 that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have *all they that do his commandments:....*"

Do you know what His commandments are? - The *ten* which were written on stone, thus signifying their perpetuity?

Some of them, no doubt, will be familiar to all such as, "Thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not covet." One of them, the fourth, is not so familiar. Because not referring to the *Biblical* account of the giving of the ten commandments, some people have been persuaded that the observing of Sunday is done in obedience to the fourth commandment.

This is not true, for on reading the Biblical account of the giving of the ten commandments it will readily be

seen that God himself has said that it is the seventh day which is the Sabbath.

And why the seventh day? He has given us the reason for that, too. It was on the seventh day that He rested after making "heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is. Wherefore (because of this) the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and *hallowed it.*"

Can you not see that no other day can take its place? The seventh day of the week is a memorial of *His rest*. *The seventh day* is the only day which has been hallowed.

Would you consider celebrating Independence Day on the 5th of October? Would it not be absurd, when we have knowledge of the implications of the day? Just so it is absurd to try to make of the first day of the

week an holy day. God is the only one who can make a day holy for He *only* is holy. Let us remember to *keep* it holy by not polluting it by any act of ours.

In Daniel 7:25, we read of one who, speaking great words against the Most High, would think to change times and laws; but the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to destroy it unto the end. May we *not* be found in his

company.

“This is the love of *God*, that we *keep* his commandments: and his commandments are not greivous.”
1 John 5:3

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep *his* commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” Ecc. 12:13

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When Wesley was asked why he preached so often from the text, “Ye must be born again,” answered, “Because Ye must be born again”

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

“This you ought to do, and not to leave the other undone.” Luke 11:42

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SABBATH DAY.

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"Wherefore, the children of Israel shall *keep the sabbath* to observe the sabbath throughout their generations for a *perpetual covenant*. It is a *sign* between me and the children of Israel *forever*; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the *seventh day* He rested and was refreshed." Exodus 31:16-17.

Here the observance of the seventh day sabbath is by the inspired writer to be a SIGN designated by Divine authority to be continued by His chosen people perpetually throughout all their generations. In commenting upon this passage the learned Matthew Henry states, "The observance of the sabbath is indeed the hem and hedge of the whole law. Where no conscience is made of that, farewell both godliness and honesty."

The introduction of the sabbath was a part of the natural creation accomplished in the first seven days of the human era. We read in Gen. 2:3, "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it". The Hebrew word here translated 'sanctified' is 'qodesh', meaning 'separated, set apart'. God here blessed the seventh day of the week and separated it or set it apart from the other six days of the week, and gave it special blessing.

In Exodus 20:8 the fourth commandment of the Decalogue begins, "*Remember* the sabbath day to keep it HOLY; the *seventh* day is the sabbath". Here again, the word 'holy' is translated from the very same

word 'qodesh' meaning 'separate - set apart'. The day set apart in the beginning and blessed is here definitely COMMANDED to be remembered and KEPT SET APART.

Then as we have seen from the text quoted above from Exodus 31:16-17 it was to be remembered and observed by the children of Israel as a special SIGN not just temporarily, but PERPETUALLY THROUGHOUT ALL THEIR GENERATIONS. Thus the observance of the seventh day sabbath is for the purpose of some SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE to Israel in ALL HER GENERATIONS.

And lest anyone should conclude that this eliminates Christians from this sacred obligation and privilege we are reminded by the words of Paul to the Galatians (3:21) If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise". In fact, according to Paul, those who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus are the ONLY TRUE ISRAEL OF GOD. (see Gal. 6:15-16, Rom. 2:28-29) And we read in Psalms 22:30, "A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the LORD FOR A GENERATION" This Christian era is thus definitely stated to be counted as a generation, and would therefore require the observance of the sabbath as a SIGN.

This is borne out by the Apostle Paul in his Colossian letter 2:16-17, "Sabbath days which are a *shadow* of things to come". Here the sabbath

is again shown to be more than a memorial of a finished natural creation as stated in the Decalogue, it is a *shadow* or *type* of something future.

It would be well to note here some profound observations of the gifted Archbishop Trent in which he remarks that there is a "Harmony unconsciously felt by all men and by deeper minds continually realized and plainly perceived, between the natural and spiritual worlds, so that analogies from the first are felt to be something more than illustrations happily yet arbitrarily chosen. They are arguments, and may be allied as witnesses; the world of nature being throughout a witness for the world of spirit, proceeding from the same hand, growing out of the same root, and being constituted for that very end. All lovers of truth readily acknowledge these mysterious harmonies and the force of arguments derived from them. To them the things of earth are copies of things of heaven. They know that the earthly tabernacle is made from the pattern of things seen on the mount (Ex 24:40 1 Chron. 28:12-12): and the question suggested by the angel in Milton is often forced upon their meditations - - -

'What if earth

*Be just a shadow and things therein
Each to other like, more than on earth
is thought?'*

"For it is a great misunderstanding of the matter to think of these as happily but arbitrarily chosen illustrations, taken with a skilful selection from the great stock and storehouse of unappropriated images from whence it would have been possible

that the same skill might have selected others as good or nearly as good. Rather they belong to one another, the type and the thing typified, by an inward necessity; they are linked together long before by the law of secret affinity...."

"And thus besides His revelation in words, God has another and an elder, and one indeed without which it is inconceivable how the other could be made; for from this it appropriates all its signs of communication. This entire moral and visible world from first to last, with its kings and subjects, its parents and children its sun and its moon, its sowing and harvest, its light and its darkness, its sleeping and its waking, its birth and its death is from beginning to end a mighty parable, a great teaching of super sensuous truth, a help at once to our faith and to our understanding".

The story of creation was not placed in our sacred literature by the inspired penman simply to satisfy curiosity as to our beginning. Although the wonder about the beginning of things is met and satisfied thereby in renewed minds, there is a deeper reason for its appearance in the Genesis account. It is told in such a way that it can be seen by the transformed eyes to represent, in type a new and greater spiritual creation to take place over a much longer period of time. And thus the

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seventh day would find its substance in the closing seventh part of the antitype.

The natural creation is clearly the type of a new spiritual creation extending 7000 years from the time of the first creation. In the words of Archbishop Trench "They belong to another., by an inward necessity, they are linked together long before by the law of secret affinity". This was recognized by the Apostle Peter when he said, "Forget not this one thing brethren, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day". It was also understood by the prophet Moses when he prayed, "For a thousand years in thy sight are as but yesterday when it is past", Psa. 90:4.

Barnabas, who was both contemporary and companion with the Apostle Paul, wrote "And God made in six days the work of His hands: and He finished them on the seventh day, and He rested the seventh day and sanctified it. Consider my children, WHAT THIS SIGNIFIES He finished them in six days. The meaning of it is this, that in 6000 years the Lord will bring all things to an end. For with Him one day is a thousand years as Himself testifieth saying, 'Behold, this day shall be a thousand years'. Therefore children, in six days, in 6000 years shall all things be accomplished. And what is that He sayeth, 'And He rested the seventh day'? He meaneth this, that when His son shall come and shall change the sun and moon and stars, then He shall gloriously rest on the seventh day". Barnabas 13.

In the words of the noted Mat-

thew Henry (on Ex. 20:8) "The sabbath began in the finishing of the work of creation, so will the EVER-LASTING SABBATH in the finishing of the work of providence and redemption: and we observe the weekly sabbath in EXPECTATION of that, as well as in remembrance of the former, in BOTH conforming ourselves to Him we worship".

It is on this belief which has clung so tenaciously to the people of God that the doctrine of the millenium is based. The Christians were known as 'Chiliasts' (from the Greek word for a thousand years) until Christianity began to be sponsored (and spawned) by the Roman Empire in the fourth century. They taught that after 6000 years of history Christ would come and set up His kingdom on earth to reign on earth 1000 years. But with the joining of Christianity to the Empire and the constant claim of the Papacy that this was the kingdom of God, the hope of a special 1000 year reign of Christ was forgotten as of course was also the sign or type. the observance of the seventh day sabbath. Chiliasm was to lie dormant for centuries only to be revived with the downfall of the false kingdom and the dawn of hope for the true, introduced again by the great Protestant Reformation.

It is one of the fundamental principles of Hermeneutics that a type or shadow is given for the purpose of confirming us in the faith and for illustrating and presenting doctrine vividly to our minds. Since we have seen from the testimony of Paul in the New Testament and that of Deity himself in the old that the sabbath

is a type or shadow or sign, then it must follow that it was given for the purpose of confirming us in the faith and for illustrating and presenting the doctrine of the millenium vividly to our minds. And since it was to be observed as a perpetual sign throughout all our generations, it will always have its significance and usefulness until the shadow passes into its substance, that is, until the end of the great seventh millenium.

Since that great millenial day which is the substance has not yet arrived, it follows that the sign or shadow is still in force under Divine authority. And to observe any other day of the week than the seventh would not properly signify or shadow the great antitypical seventh millenium; it must be the seventh day or the week or the type is meaningless and loses its usefulness to confirm our faith and illustrate the substance vividly to our minds.

When the Hebrew writer spoke of 'Another day' (Heb. 4:8) he was sensing that law of secret affinity by which the seventh day of the week on which God rested was bound to the great seventh millenial day when the greater spiritual work of providence and redemption would be finished. But lest his readers conclude that this week was already finished and henceforth there was no necessity for the typical day, he followed followed with "There remaineth therefore a rest (Greek, sabbatismos - keeping of a sabbath) to the people of God". This keeping of the sabbath to keep it holy (qodesh - separate) is to remain in force perpetually throughout all generations until time

is no longer measured to days, and weeks, and years, but has merged into eternity, as it will at the end of the seventh millenium.

The remembering of the seventh day of the week to keep it separate and set apart (qodesh) from the other days of the week is a weekly reminder and confirmation of the faith that God will bring His people into His rest in the seventh millenium of the natural creation. This significance of the seventh day has been wisely hidden through the dark ages of the Christian era, for it would have been unnecessarily discouraging to the persecuted and downtrodden children of God to know that the perfect rest was so far in the future. The faithfulness of those who continued to observe the sabbath as a memorial of the finished natural creation is to be greatly commended and will no doubt be abundantly rewarded. But how much fuller should be the enjoyment of sabbath observance now to those who are privileged to see that the substance is almost here. That is the thousand year day of PERFECT REST AND PEACE! How joyfully we should anticipate and welcome the seventh day and keep it set apart from the rest of the week!

"If thou take away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy (qodesh) day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high

Creation

Now reader, go along with me, away back through eternity;
Before there was a moon or sun, before time had as yet begun;
Before there was a now or then, before there was a where or when;
Before there was a here or there, or any thing or any where.

Go back until there's not a trace of anything but God and space,
God all around, below, above, unlimited in power and love.
Sometime, somewhere, in vastest space, 'twas Jesus chose
the proper place
To make a world, as Scriptures claim, to bring great honor to
His name.

And so the Lord devised a plan to make a world and also man,
Away out there, alone, above, with not a thing to make it of.
The world was made without a flaw, without a hammer or a saw;
Without a bit of wood or stone, without a bit of flesh or bone.

Without a board or nail or screw, or anything to nail it to,
Without a foothold or a trace of anything but God and space.
The only thing our Lord need do, was simply speak a word or two:
With no apparent causing act, existing things became a fact.

According to the record true, the earth came boldly into view;
And all the work God had begun, in six days He declared it done.
Besides a means of man to test. He made the seventh day for rest;
And it He sanctified, you see, a Sabbath day for man to be. —
And like our God who changes never, the Sabbath day remains
FOREVER.

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places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it". Isaiah 58:13-14. It is inconceivable how one who finds no joy or delight in the observance of the Divinely appointed sign could hope to

enter into the joys and blessings of the great antitype. However, we have this blessed promise through the prophet Isaiah that if we do rightly observe the type, we shall enjoy the blessings of the antitype.